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We have at last a big assortment of Ladies' Silk hose. All the popular shades.

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Georgette and Crepe de Chine, White, Flesh, Brown and all the light shades at prices in reach of all. Priced at \$3.75 TO \$9.75

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In this assortment are Waists received today—the very latest out in the New York market. Bought especially for Christmas trade. The most beautiful Waists ever shown here. Priced \$12.75 TO \$18.00

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Why not give a Petticoat for Christmas? Every color wanted. Come in Taffeta, Messaline and Jersey. Priced at \$4.75 TO \$12.75

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We have every size made. Price 5¢ to 35¢ Put your Christmas gift in a nice Christmas box. A nice package is half the gift.

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Velvet handbags as well as leather in our big assortment. Something that can be carried all seasons. Prices \$1.25 TO \$7.50

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The Observer's Classified Ads.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms. Bk. 1202. 12-17-18.

FOR RENT—A two-room furnished house. Modern. Phone B3902. 12-12-18

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Phone Red 3171. 11-29-18

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE—Eggs fresh, eggs guaranteed. Also fryers and roasters for Xmas. Phone Bk. 3961. Call 1904 E. N. Ave. 12-17-18

FOR SALE—1917 model Oldsmobile, first class shape. \$75 worth of extras. \$1100. L. W. Weeks, 2010 Oak Street. 12-16-18

FOR SALE—Hand-painted china. Call at Modern Laundry. 12-10-18

WINTER APPLES—25¢ per box. Black 3452. 2799 N. Birch St. 12-13-18

FOR SALE—16 inch wood. Call Black 1012. 12-12-18

GOOD HOME COOKED—Meals at 35¢ to regular boarders. 1105 O Ave. 12-13-18

FOR SALE—1918 model Chevrolet with fifty dollars of extras a bargain if taken at once. Phone Black 1221. 12-10-18

FOR SALE—Good alfalfa hay in the stack or delivered. Phone Fred Zaugg. 12-5-18

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black fur peck piece, last Tuesday. Leave it at Observer and get reward. 12-14-18

LOST—Chamoskin pouch containing some silver and bills. Return Observer office. Reward. 12-17-18

FOUND—Small purse on Fir street, containing small change. Call at Observer office. 12-16-18

STRAYED—A bay mare, 10 years old, 1 white hind foot, saddle marks on back, branded with W bar on either shoulder or the weight 1600 lbs. Any information leading to recovery of same notify E. N. Dushnell, La Grande, 12-12-18

STRAYED—A light Jersey cow. Branded pear on left hip, dark red muley. Phone Farmers 78. 12-12-18

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—A yearling red steer came to my place six weeks ago. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying charges. E. H. Johnson. Phone Farm 49. 12-13-18

WANTED—Miscellaneous.

WANTED—Woman by the day for housework. Call Black 341. 12-10-18

WANTED—Lady bookkeeper with general office experience. Address V. care of Observer. 12-16-18

WANTED—A woman for house work at once. Call between 9 or 8 o'clock evenings. 1305 V ave. Phone D-552. 12-17-18

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call 1703 Second St., or phone Black 481. 12-17-18

WANTED—Good reliable woman cook at Grande Ronde hospital. Steady employment. Apply to Superintendent office. 12-14-18

WANTED AT ONCE—First class modern house, card of Observer. 12-11-18

WANTED—Waitress at once at Home Restaurant. 12-13-18

WANTED—Woman to do washing for family of two. Call Black 2411. 12-10-18

NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, Oregon, is called to meet in their directors' room on Tuesday, January 14, 1919, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and transacting any other business that might come before said meeting.

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier. 12-14-18

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919, at 3:30 p. m. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected, to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified, and such other business will be considered as may properly offer.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier. Dated from Dec. 10 to Jan. 14.

Observer advertising will bring results.

ESSAYS ON CORN

The Compositions Submitted By Students of Central School

The following essays on the subject "Corn" were prepared by pupils of the Central school, Bertha Berger and Jake Bede. They are given herewith just as they were written to show the general trend and conception of the subject in hand.

Both papers are very neatly written. These essays are not the product of a prize contest, they are selected as samples of the work that is coming out of the Central school.

By Bertha Berger
Since the time that the white men came to America corn has been an important food for man. In order to obtain the best results of your crop of corn one should have loam soil. Clay, sandy and silt loam are good to raise corn on.

The soil should be ploughed good, harrowed and planked. In selecting the seed one should get a medium size, plump seed and free from disease. The ear of corn selected should be well matured, with straight rows and a cob with the most number of rows. A small ear should be selected but well filled out at the ends.

The corn can be planted with a horse planter, hand planter, check row or drill. May first to June first is a good time to plant the corn.

A few days after planting the corn the corn fields should be harrowed well with a fine tooth harrow to loosen the top soil also to kill grass and weeds coming to the surface around the corn.

When the corn plants are half an inch or inch high it should be harrowed again. Two or three times more the corn should be cultivated during the growing season. Corn is cultivated for three reasons: (1) To destroy weeds and grasses that take the water and plant food the corn should have. (2) To provide a mulch of dry soil so as to prevent the evaporation of moisture. (3) Because constant stirring of the soil allows the air to circulate.

Field corn is raised by many farmers to feed to their stock. The

kind of field corn are dent, pod and flint corn. Popcorn and sweet corn are raised for table use.

From forty to hundred and twenty-five bushels per acre is the yield in this valley.

Such weeds as morning glory, pig weeds, cockle burr, and lamb quarters grow in with the corn. Chinch bugs, locust army worms and cut worms attack the corn. Smut and blight are the diseases of corn. To get rid of smut one must burn the ears of corn. For blight one must spray.

By Jack Bede
Corn is best suited for planting in loam, clay loam, sandy loam and silt loam.

Botanically corn is a grass from three to sixteen feet in height. Corn has two kinds of flowers, the tassel, which produces pollen, and the young ear, the long pistils at which are known as silk. The common axon which the grains grow is known as the cob. The cob surrounded by grains is known as an ear. The ear is enclosed by long strip-shaped leaves known as husks. The number of rows of grains on the cob is always an even number. Corn is a native of central America.

In preparing the soil you should plow harrow disc and roll.

In selecting the seed you should select medium plump seed free from disease. A good ear of corn may be described as tapering slowly, with a length of nine inches and a circumference of seven. Select well matured ears and cobs with straight rows and the end of the ear should be filled out with corn.

There are various means of planting, namely, the horse planter, check row, drill, and by hand.

The time of planting is from May 1st to June 1st. You should cultivate three or four times during the season.

There are various kinds of corn, the most important are field corn, dent, flint, pod, pop and sweet corn. The usual yield is from thirty to one hundred and twenty-five bushels per acre in the Grande Ronde valley.

The word enemies of the corn are weeds, insects and diseases. Under disease comes smut, and in

weeds are the morning glory, pig weed, cockle-burr, and under insects are the chinch-bug, locust, grasshopper, army, cut, and ear worm.

Much attention is paid to breeding corn. Raisers of the seed corn are as eager for superior ears as dairymen are of superior cows. At the Ames, Iowa, corn show of 1908, the champion ear was sold for \$28.

Corn has played a big part in the winning of this war. Corn being one of the best substitutes for wheat. It is also a great substitute for sugar. Millions of gallons of Kaffir corn syrup have been made from corn which took the place of sugar.

Corn is a very good feed for cattle, hogs and work animals. The states that produce the most corn are: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

My grandfather, J. W. Williams is one of the largest corn producers in eastern Kansas. He gave his entire crop in 1917 which was over 13,000 bushels to the government to be sold to help feed our soldier boys and his two soldier grandsons "over there." And may the glorious stars and stripes forever wave over the dear old corn fields of the land of our free and land of our free and independent U. S. A.

TO OUST CARRANZA

EL PASO, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—A peaceful settlement of Mexico's troubles is included in a plan under way to oust Carranza, it is learned here. A condition of all opposing factions would make civil war unnecessary, it is believed. The other was a formal appeal to the United States to keep hands off in case of fighting, or a manifesto calculated to secure the help of the Washington government and entente in a peaceful solution of Mexico's internal affairs is the rebel program.

All hats at half price at the Walling millinery. 12-13-18

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year people should buy useful Christmas presents. We have everything from a kiddie car for the baby to a Columbia Graphophone for the whole family. W. H. Behnkamp Co. 12-13-18

Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.—Adv.

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WELCOME TO MY NEW OFFICE

I have just completed moving all my abstract records and office equipment into the building one door south of the Observer office where I shall be pleased to meet all my friends and business clients. Still have money to loan, make abstracts from complete set of records, write your insurance and do a general office business. Call in and see me at my new office, 2708 Sixth street. 11-19-18 J. C. OLIVER

Mrs. W. B. Scott Gains 25 Pounds

Her Physician Said He Never Saw Such a Big Improvement.

"I can hardly find words to express the gratitude I really feel over my wonderful increase in weight, health and strength," said Mrs. W. B. Scott, who resides at 911 Normandie street, Spokane, Wash., recently in one of the most remarkable statements yet published in connection with Tanlac.

"I had suffered with my right side for four or five years," said Mrs. Scott, "and for the past two years have been under almost constant treatment. I kept getting worse, and until finally I was advised that an operation was my only hope of recovery. When I went to the hospital I weighed one hundred and fifty-five pounds. This operation was for an adhesion of the stomach, intestines and appendix, and for a while I seemed to get along nicely. But it was not long until I commenced to suffer with awful pains over my right kidney, and it was impossible for me to lay on that side. Then I was told I would never have a peaceful moment until I was operated on for this trouble also, and I just couldn't bear the thoughts of it."

"I had been reading about Tanlac, but my husband would not hear to me taking it. At last I sent and got a bottle without his knowledge, as I was so anxious to avoid another operation, and that was one of the luckiest days of my life. Tanlac soon gave me an enormous appetite and I have gained in strength and weight with every bottle. I am on my ninth bottle now, and have actually gained twenty-five pounds, which is all I had lost. When my physician saw me about two weeks ago he said he never saw such an improvement in anyone and that the operation would not be necessary. You can imagine how delighted I was to escape the second operation. I have all my strength back now and I don't even feel it a task to do all my housework, including my cooking. I have suffered since childhood with constipation and since taking Tanlac I feel a big improvement in this respect, too. I am glad indeed to tell my friends about Tanlac and several of my neighbors are now taking it on account of what it has done for me."

Tanlac is sold in La Grande by S. J. Thorne and Richardson Drug stores; in Union by L. A. Wright's in North Powder by L. A. Russell and in Elgin by Scott E. Harris.—Adv.

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